

Information on the Smith County May Ballot Proposal for Jail Expansion

Immediate Reasons for the Bond Referendum

- ◆ In-house infirmary is estimated to save \$600,000 - \$800,000 each year in medical expenses.
- ◆ There is a need to eliminate serious safety risks that currently exist for the public and county employees.
- ◆ Lower operating costs due to efficiencies.
- ◆ The need to move out-of-county inmates twice in December demonstrates vulnerability due to overcrowding.
- ◆ As other counties experience budget constraints, the cost of housing out-of-county inmates is likely to increase.
- ◆ Jail expansion proposal does not require the purchase of additional land by the County.
- ◆ By housing inmates from other jurisdictions' excess capacity Smith County could gain an additional revenue stream.
- ◆ The installation of new book-in, laundry and video visitation units will streamline efficiencies and should reduce operating costs.
- ◆ Video visitation works as a possible deterrent to offenders.
- ◆ Our good financial standing and low debt rate allow us to present a sound and conservative financial plan.
- ◆ \$35M proposal will cost taxpayers one cent per \$100 of assessed property value for 15 years; an average household cost of \$13 per year.

For more information or to submit comments and questions please visit the Smith County website at Smith-County.com



What the Bond Will Purchase

- **Improved safety/ security**
- **Additional 384 Beds**
- **Relocates kitchen/ laundry facilities to Low Risk campus**
- **In-house infirmary**
- **Separate holding cells for females**
- **Video visitation unit**



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